

Welcome to New Bedford... We're glad you're here!

Around the World The crews of New Bedford's famed whaleships sang out this phrase as they embarked on voyages which took them to every corner of the globe. Herman Melville shipped out of the Port of New Bedford in 1841; the experience inspired him to write *Moby-Dick*.

Today New Bedford is an authentic seaport city with a large fishing fleet and working waterfront. The seafaring traditions of its mariner forefathers still hold fast. As in Melville's day the "Whaleman's Chapel," or Seaman's Bethel, looks seaward from atop cobbled Johnny Cake Hill. It remains an active house of worship. Across the street, the New Bedford Whaling Museum houses the world's largest collection

of whaling artifacts, including a ship model so large you can climb aboard! Both places stand in the heart of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, a 13-block area adjacent to the waterfront. The Park preserves and celebrates the city's role as Whaling Capital of the World in 19th century America. The city was also an important stop on the Underground Railroad, well known for helping slaves on their trek to freedom. Frederick Douglass found his freedom and his voice in New Bedford.

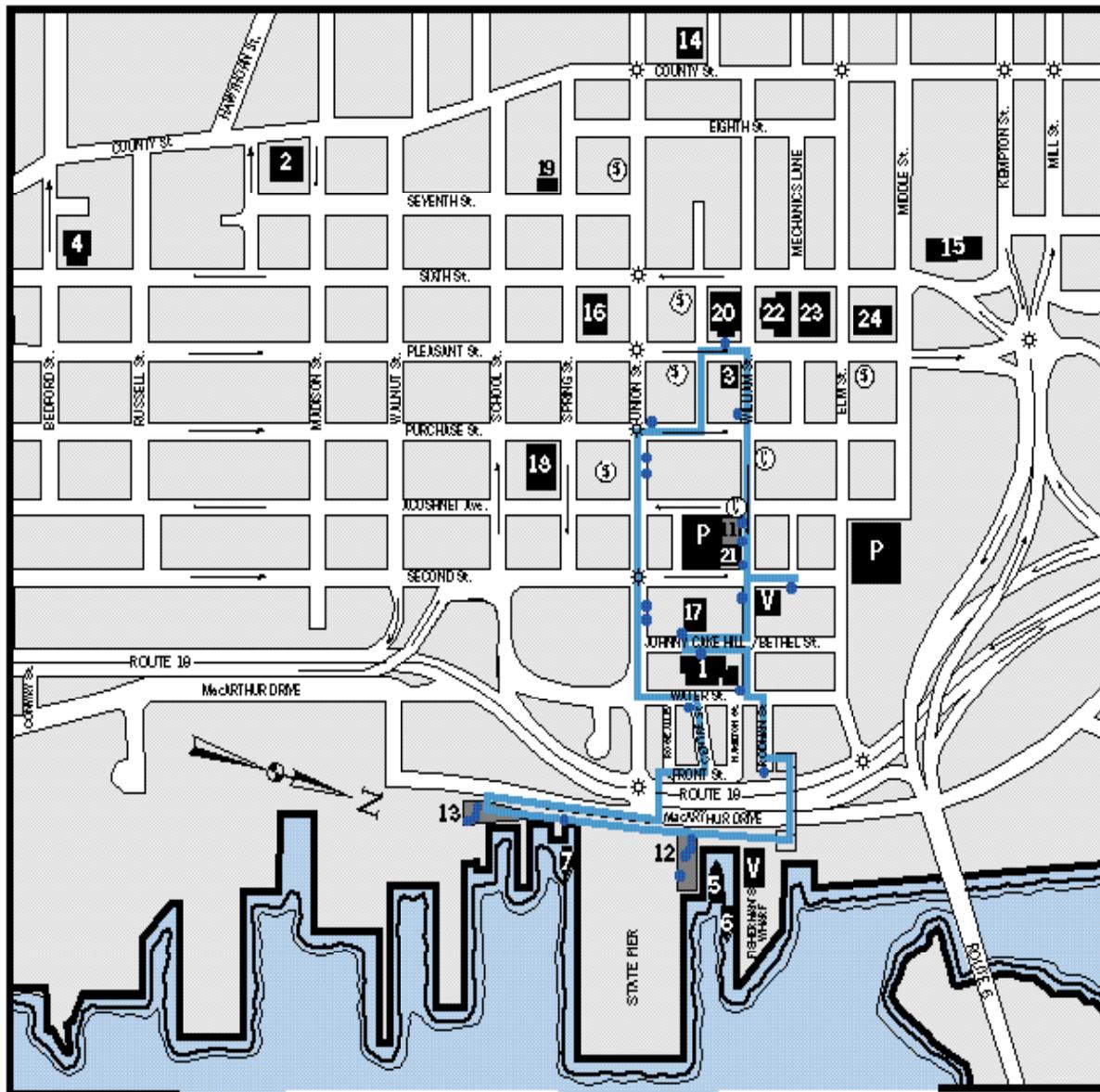
New Bedford is also home port to the official vessel of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The century-old *Esnetine* brings maritime history and education to students of all ages.

The County Street Historic District features dozens of whaling era mansions that Melville described as being "harpooned and dragged up from the bottom of the sea." The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum is one such landmark frozen in time. Visitors are transported back to 1834 and the opulence of New Bedford's golden age of whaling. A few blocks away is the Zeiterion, a meticulously restored vaudeville era theater featuring original wall tapestries, massive chandeliers and a restored Wurlitzer theater organ that once accompanied silent films. The Zeiterion is home to the New Bedford Symphony and also offers a wide array of stage entertainment from around the world.

The New Bedford Art Museum, located on City

Hall Square, exhibits works from the vast 19th century art collection of the New Bedford Free Public Library as well as a broad range of local and traveling exhibitions. On nearby Bedford Street, the New Bedford Fire Museum features a large collection of 19th century fire apparatus housed in old Station #4, the oldest active station in Massachusetts.

New Bedford also has many small shops and galleries. Numerous restaurants feature the area's legendary seafood and Portuguese cuisine. Finally New Bedford offers a full calendar of fairs and festivals, including Summerfest, the traditional Blessing of the Fleet, and the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament—the largest celebration of Portuguese culture in the nation.



New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

Museums

1. Whaling Museum
2. Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum
3. New Bedford Art Museum
4. New Bedford Fire Museum

Ships

5. Schooner *Ernestine*
6. Ferry *Alex* (to Outtybank)
7. Harbor Tours
8. Ferry *Schwanzi* (to Martha's Vineyard - Over, please)

Lighthouses

9. Butler's Flat (Over, please)
10. Palmer's Light (Over, please)

Parks

11. 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Plaza
12. Tonnessen Park
13. Waterfront Park
- ↳ Buttonwood Park & Zoo (Over, please.)

Courthouses

14. Superior Court
15. District Court
16. Probate & Family Court

Other Points of Interest

17. Seaman's Bethel
18. Zeiterion Theatre
19. Nathan & Mary Johnson Properties
20. Public Library, Whaleman Statue & Lewis Temple Statue
21. U.S. Custom House
22. City Hall
23. Bus Station
24. Post Office

③ ATM Machines

● Interpretive Panels

P Parking

ⓞ Telephones

⊠ Traffic Lights

V Visitor Centers

The "Nautical Mile" ...a journey through the past

The Nautical Mile (actually, it's less than a mile) is a self-guided walking tour through New Bedford's National Historical Park, Waterfront and Downtown. The route - shown in blue on the map - not only leads the visitor past some of the city's best-known attractions, it also features 25 large interpretive panels which provide historical photographs and information about noteworthy sites along the way.

New Bedford's waterfront is the real thing - a working, commercial port that is a vital part of the area's economy. (In fact, New Bedford is one of the most productive fishing ports in the country.) Despite this commercial activity, you will find our waterfront remarkably visitor-friendly, complete with its own visitor centers, walks and even mini-parks and gardens. Don't miss it!